

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A point of sale terminal comprising:

an input device operative to receive prepaid card identification indicia from a prepaid card issued to a customer by a prepaid card issuer when said prepaid card is presented in payment by said customer, said prepaid card issuer having a credit card account identified by a credit card number; and

a processor, operative using said prepaid card identification indicia to identify ~~a said credit card number associated with said credit card account of said prepaid card issuer~~, said credit card number being different from said prepaid card identification indicia, and to communicate said credit card number to a credit card server which is operative to process a credit card transaction, charging said payment to said credit card account.

12. (Original) A point of sale terminal according to claim 11 and wherein said input device is a card reader.

13. (Original) A point of sale terminal according to claim 11 and wherein said input device is a keyboard.

14. (Currently Amended) A point of sale terminal according to claim 11 and wherein said processor is operative to verify validity of said prepaid card identification indicia prior to processing said credit card ~~a~~-transaction.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Original) A point of sale terminal according to claim 11 and also comprising a communicator, operative to communicate said prepaid card identification indicia to a remote server to determine validity of said prepaid card.

17. (Previously Presented) A point of sale terminal according to claim 16 and wherein said remote server is operative to communicate information regarding a balance remaining on said prepaid card, via said communicator, to said terminal.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) A point of sale terminal according to claim 11 and also comprising a storage device for storing said credit card number ~~associated with said credit card account of said prepaid card issuer.~~

20. (Currently Amended) A point of sale terminal according to claim 11 and wherein said point of sale terminal receives, from a remote server, said credit card number ~~associated with said credit card account of said prepaid card issuer.~~

21-22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) A point of sale terminal according to claim 11 and wherein said point of sale terminal is operative to transmit information to a credit card transaction clearinghouse, said information including said credit card number ~~associated with said credit card account.~~

24. (Previously Presented) A point of sale terminal according to claim 11 and wherein said credit card account is associated with a plurality of said prepaid cards.

25. (Previously Presented) A point of sale terminal according to claim 11 and wherein said processor is operative to enable said credit card number to be accessed at said point of sale terminal using said prepaid card identification indicia.

26. (Previously Presented) A point of sale terminal according to claim 11 and wherein said processor is operative to enable said credit card number to be identified at said point of sale terminal by accessing a lookup table based on said prepaid card identification indicia.

27. (Previously Presented) A point of sale terminal according to claim 16 and wherein said credit card number is stored at said remote server.

28. (Previously Presented) A point of sale terminal according to claim 16 and wherein said processor is operative to enable said credit card number to be accessed at said remote server using said prepaid card identification indicia.

29. (Previously Presented) A point of sale terminal according to claim 16 and wherein said processor is operative to identify said credit card number by sending said prepaid card identification indicia to a remote server which includes a lookup table.

30. (Previously Presented) A point of sale terminal according to claim 16 and wherein said validity of said prepaid card relates to balance information.